

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Sep 61	2. LOCATION Indian Springs & Las Vegas, Nevada	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <i>Venus</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 301714Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian and Military /	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Hrs: _____	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 then 4	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Elevations and azimuths of planet Venus at times of sightings from Indian Spring and Nellis AFB are coincident with those reported for UFO. Planet was of magnitude -1 and its appearance in a theodolite would have been as described by witnesses. Since it was reported that witness came across planet while tracking a weather balloon it is safe to assume balloon was at an angle to that reported for objt. Objt observed by radar was in SE and was probably weather balloon. There is no evidence available which would indicate that objt seen visually and objt observed on radar were not Venus and a weather balloon.		11. COMMENTS

6 Oct 61 13 28z

27E (UFO)
3
4 x2ft

RE: REQUEST LAS VEGAS AF TN NEV
TO FULL STATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO 472200ZMAY61 COPTANGING WELLING AFB NEV

= friend

RE: SSBOP 1002. UVC

RE: AFS STATION NO. 60 TV-3-3-10-22. AFN 600-7 1000

RE: 100 BALDR DLR

RE: 100 LUNAR

- (4) IN HEADING APPROX 090°
- (5) FLAMED OUT TO THE WEST
- (6) 45 MIN
- C. (1) GROUND ELECTRONIC SP - 12 .0000
- (2) NONE
- (3) NO
- D. (1) 2140 LOCAL (16.520)
- (2) DAY
- E. 26 25,27, 30 115 34,30,31
- F. (1) NO
- (2) JOHN H. CHILLING JR, 1CC, 115 11500000, OPERATIONS RELIABLE.
- G. NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. UNKNOWN

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K. EARLE F. DENEAU, CAPTAIN, USAF, OPERATIONS OFFICER, 165 RADAR CO., LAS VEGAS AFM, NEVADA. PREVIOUS TATED ALTITUDE AS REPORTED FROM THE STATION IS FALSE SINCE SEARCH SEAD CANNOT SEARCH ABOVE 120,000 FT. M.L.

L. NEGATIVE COPY CRASH FILM AVAILABLE AT TIME OF SIGHTING
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05 1123Z OCT 67 RUEZMAP

UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location INDIAN SPRINGS, LAS VEGAS NEVADA AREADate (Local) 30 SEPT. 1961 Hour (Local)Hour (Z Time Group) 30/1710Z Sept 1

Satellite: _____

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) Possibly Venus.Radar Analysis (TD-E1) Possibly WX balloon

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) _____

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc Poss. Balloon (Raone)

Other _____

CIVILIAN GROUND WITNESS (EX TACOOLITE) 1st AT 0800

Evaluation of Source Reliability _____

Analysis and Conclusions:

Rained white meteors looking object with silver sheen. Appearance is one object breaking into 4. OBSERVATION BY WEATHER OBSERVER FOLLOWING PILOT. SPOTTED AT 0904. STILL VISIBLE AT 1000. 160° AZ 62° ELEV. → 180° AZ 63° ELEV. SPEED 6 KNOTS. PICKED ON RADAR AS 3C REFLCS STB. ON SCOPE FOR 45 MIN ON AZ SCOPE ONLY

THE ELEVATIONS AND AZIMUTHS OF THE PLANET VENUS AT THE TIMES OF THE SIGHTINGS FROM INDIAN SPRINGS AFB AND NECESS AFB ARE CONCIDENT WITH THOSE REPORTED FOR THE UFO. THE PLANET WAS OF ~~—~~ MAGNITUDE -3.4 AND ITS APPEARANCE IN A TACOOLITE WOULD HAVE BEEN AS DESCRIBED BY THE WITNESSES. SINCE IT

WAS REPORTED IN THE SKY ACROSS THE PLANET WHILE TRACKING A WX BALLOON IT IS SAFE TO ASSUME THE BALLOON WAS AT AN AZIMUTH CLOSE TO THAT REPORTED FOR THE OBJECT. THE OBJECT OBSERVED BY THE RADAR WAS IN THE SE AND WAS PROBABLY THE WX BALLOON.

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AVAILABLE WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT THE OBJECT SEEN VISUALLY AND THE OBJECT OBSERVED ON RADAR WERE NOT VENUS AND A WX BALLOON.

Friend.

H. NONE
I. NONE. 865TH AC&W OPERATIONS OFFICER ADVISED ALTITUDE OF OBJECTS, COMPUTED VIA TRIANGULATION, APPROXIMATELY 98 STATUTE MILES, WITH OBJECTS 45 STATUTE MILES SOUTHEAST OF NELLIS AFB AT TIME OF INITIAL SIGHTING.

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J. USWB AND FAA, MCCARRAN AIRPORT, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, ADVISE NO UNUSUAL METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITY, BALLOON RELEASES, AND NO NOTAMS ON FILE CANBE ATTRIBUTED TO THE SIGHTING.

K. ANTHONY J. BUSALACCHI, MAJOR, USAF, DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, 4520TH CCRTNGWG, NELLISHAFB, NEVADA. NO ANALYSIS POSSIBLE VIA AVAILABLE FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO SIGHTINGS.

L. NEGATIVE. UNKNOWN IF 865TH AC&W SQUADRON OBTAINED SCOPE PHOTOSENG

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PEAK (MT CHARLESTON NW OF LAS VEGAS)

!• (1) N/A

(2) DET 31, 25TH WEA SQDN, NELLIS AFB, NEV

G. (1) CLEAR, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED

(2) WINDS: SURFACE - CALM; 6,000FT, 10DEGREES/4 KNOTS:

12,000FT, 320/13; 16,000FT, 250/14; 20,000FT, 280/13;

24,000FT, 310/19; 50,000FT, 280/52; 60,000FT, 290/15. WINDS

ARE FROM USWB, MCCARRAN AIRPORT, LAS VEGAS, FROM 1100Z BALLOON
REPORT (0400 LOCAL. NO HIGHER WINDS.

(3) CEILING CLEAR

(4) VISIBILITY 35 MILES

(5) CLOUD COVER - NONE

(6) THUNDERSTORMS-NONE

(7) TEMPERATURE (NAFB) 80 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT AT 0830 LOCAL,
1530Z, 30 SEP 61.

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- (B) (1) WEATHER OBSERVER, INDIAN SPRINGS AFB, NEVADA PICKED UP OBJECTS ONA THEODOLITE DURING OBSERVATIONS.
- (2) AZIMUTH 133.4, ELEVATION 55.0, FROM INDIAN SPRINGS AFB.
- (3) LAST THEODOLITE OBSERVATION FROM DETACHMENT 31, 25TH WEATHER SQUADRON, NELLIS AFB NEVADA AT 1630Z, 30 SEP 61, AZIMUTH 166.0, ELEVATION 53.0.
- (4) SE, HEADING APPROX 145 DEGREES (FROM NELLIS AFB).
- (5) STILL PAINTED BY 865TH AC&W SQUADRON, LAS VEGAS AF STATION, AT REPORTING TIME, PASSED TO PHOENIX AC&W AT TIME OF REPORT.
- (6) FIRST OBSERVED 0830 LOCAL (1530Z, 30 SEP 61) BY AN INDIAN SPRINGS AFB WEATHER OBSERVER. VISIBLE ONE HOUR AT REPORT TIME. ONLY ONE OBJECT VISIBLE ON THE ODOOLITES AT BOTH ISAFB AND NAFB.K
- C. (1) (A) THEODOLITE (ISAFB AND NELLIS AFB)
- (B) GCI RADAR, 865TH AC&W SQUADRON, MT CHARLESTON, NEV
- (2) NONE
- (3) N/A
- D. (1) 301530Z SEP 61
- (2) DAY
- E. INDIAN SPRINGS AFB, NELLIS AFB, AND 865TH AC&W SQ, ANGELS

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CZCSQE432ZCSRA033

PP RJEDSQ

ZNR ZOV RJEDSR

SRC246ZCQYD759

PP RJEDSR

DE RJWZNJ 36

ZNR

P M 302200Z ZEX

FM 4520TH CCRTNGWG NELLIS AFB NEV

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLORADO

RJWZSB/28TH AIRDIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RJEDSR/ADIC WRIGHT PATTISON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE SAFIS

INFO RJWZHAP/665TH AC1W SQUADRON LAS VEGAS AF STATION

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UNCLAS OI 09-0682

HQ USAF FOR AFCIN. UFO. AFR 200-2FORMAT.

A. (1) ROUND APPEARANCE

(2) HEAD OF A PIN

(3) WHITE OR METALLIC

(4) FOUR TO FIVE

(5) BROKEN

(6) NO

(7) NONE VISIBLE

(8) NONE

(9) NEGATIVE

TELEPHONED

TO _____

NO. 71224

TIME _____

Date 1961 SEP 30 22 58

By: _____

31
→ 2/ E (uFO)
3/ ←
4 - X 2/ ↘

JOINT MESSAGEFORM			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED		
SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER					
<p><i>07/21/62</i></p>					
PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)		ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO
ACTION	ROUTINE	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE	01-09-0660
INFO					UNCL
FROM:					SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
TO: WPAFB O		RJWZ NJ			
HELLIS AFB NEV					
UNCLASSIFIED TD-E		3-10-33			
<p>4520th CCRTRGWG/YOUR UNCL MSG 01 09-0660 DTD 30 SEP 61. THE INFO REPORTED IS LIMITED IN NATURE. THEREFORE REQUEST A FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION BE MADE. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFO, THE WITNESSES AT EACH OF THE SIGHTING POSITIONS SHOULD REPORT THE INFO REQUESTED IN PAR 15A THRU 15D, APR 200-2 DTD 14 SEP 59.</p>					
<p><i>03/19/62</i></p>					
WRITER		SYMBOL TD-E	SIGNATURE		OCT 1961
		TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)			DATE TIME
		Major Robert J. Friend PAGE 1	RELEASED BY		MONTH YEAR
		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION 1			
<p><i>EDWARD H. WYNN</i> Colonel, USAF Dep for Science & Components</p>					
<p><i>UNCLASSIFIED</i></p>					

DD FORM 173 MAY 55 RELEASER
1 OCT 49. WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED

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FTD

RR RJEDSQ

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DE RJWZNJ 17

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P 052258Z

FM 4520TH CCRTNGWG NELLIS AFB NEVADA

1961 OCT 6

13 46

TO WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

BT

UNCLAS/OI 10-3612 FOR RTD. UFC. REFERENCE OUR OI 09-3663 AND YOUR
TD-E-3-13-33, 3 OCT 61. FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION REVEALS FOLLOWING.
AFR 200-2 FORMAT.

15A(1) ROUND

FOR ONE-HOUR TECH STUDY ON POINTS TUTORIAL TTS

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(1) CLEAR, SUNNY

(2) SEE OUR 09-0 660-30 SEP 61

(3) NONE

(4) 35 PLUS MILES

(5) NO CLOUDS

(6) NONE

(7) 75 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.

H, I, J, K AND L: SEE OUR OI 09-0 660

ABOVE INFORMATION FROM COMMANDER, DETACHMENT 31, 25TH WEATHER SQUADRON, NAFB, NEVADA. ELECTRONIC TRACKING REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED DIRECT BY THE 865TH AC&W SQUADRON, LAS VEGAS AIR FORCE STATION. 865TH AC&W SQUADRON EARLIER ADVISED UFO WAS APPROXIMATELY 45 STATUTE MILES SE OF NELLIS AFB AT APPROXIMATELY 1700Z, 30 SEP, TRAVELING THROUGHOUT SIGHTING AT APPROXIMATELY 6 KNOTS. ADDED ITEM FOR INFORMATION: THE LAS VEGAS NEVADA REVIEW JOURNAL NEWSPAPER RAN A FRONT PAGE ASSOCIATED PRESS ITEM ON 3 OCT 61 REGARDING A DISC-SHAPED UFO SIGHTING SOUTH OF SALT LAKE CITY ON MONDAY, 2 OCT 61, SEEN BY AIRBORNE PILOT [REDACTED] A SALT LAKE CITY INSURANCE MAN, ALONG WITH SEVEN GROUND OBSERVERS IN THAT AREA.

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- (3) WHITE (METALLIC, SILVER SHINE)
- (4) STARTED AS ONE (FOUR CAME FROM IT- TRAVELING VERY FAST).
- (5) NO FORMATION
- (6) EVEN TEXTURE
- (7) NONE

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- (8) NONE
- (9) FOUR SMALLER OBJECTS CAME FROM LARGER OBJECT.
- B(1) WEATHER OBSERVER FOLLOWING PIBAL AND CAME INTO FIELD OF VIEW.
- (2) 180.2 AZIMUTH, 62.0 ELEVATION FROM INDIAN SPRINGS AFB, NEVADA RANGE III AT 30/0914 PST. SPOTTED 10 MINUTES EARLIER. FINISHED PIBAL RUN THEN WATCHED UFO.
- (3) 180.2 AZIMUTH, 63.4 ELEVATION, 30/0954 PST SEP 61.
- (4) STRAIGHT LINE FLIGHT PATH
- (5) FOLLOWED UNTIL 1000 HOURS PST PIBAL RUN REQUIRED DIVERSION. OBJECT STILL VISIBLE ON THEODOLITE.
- (6) SEE A(5) ABOVE.
- C(1) GROUND VISUAL
- (2) 20 POWER WEATHER THEODOLITE
- (3) N/A
- D(1) 30/1714Z SEP 61
- (2) DAY
- E. 36 DEGREES 35 MINUTES NORTH: 115 DEGREES, 41 MINUTES WEST.
- F(1) N/A
- (2) A/3C DEANE J. MILLINGTON, AF 1963872 AND A/3C BOBBY L. SETLIFF AF 1963870 WEATHER COMPUTERS. THIS TAKEN OBTAINED AND